BABE RUTH, KING OF SWAT, PRAISES WASHINGTON GRIFFMEN AS STRONG OUTFIT.

WASHINGTON TIMES SPORTS



BABE RUTH HAS PRAISES FOR GRIFFMEN; EXPLAINS HOW HE BEGINS HIS TOIL

King of Sluggers.

Well, I'm here in Washington. This is the toughest town I visit in the summer, owing to those long fences Clark Griffith's got out at Georgia avenue. Hope it won't be as tough over at B. F. Keith's this week. I'm going to try for a home run every day, and if Duke Cross is in good form I may get it.

Right here let me say that this Duke Cross is a regular guy. I wish was a ball player and with the Yanks. I know we'd get along great together. I'm more or less a novice at this vaudeville stuff, but he's always there, coaching me and tipping me off as to what's right and what's wrong. I'd have a terrible time without him. He's my buddie, that's what he is.

Everybody around New York laughed when I told them I was going into vaudeville. They thought I'd be a flivver. They said I'd be a bust. But I've managed to stick it out for four weeks and I'm still going strong. But I'm not wholly responsible. This Duke Cross has been with me, and that means a whole lot. A fellow can't go far wrong with Duke Cross at his elbow. He never lets you fumble and he never lets you miss a sign. He's there every time. A great fellow, this Duke

Cross, and I hope you all like him in my act over at Keith's.

When I came into The Times office this morning much earlier than I moved the morning much earlier than I here and in Philadelphia. He's a good photographer. The Washington Times is lucky to have him. Every time I is lucky to have him. "Over in the corner," said an office boy they call "Mac;" so I went over and went to work.

nd went to work.

I've seen this Lou Dougher, The Times sports editor, on trains all over this country. He was always travel-ing with the Washington ball club. I n't know him any too well, but he Seems to know his business. He took a look at me and said, "Come on, a little life. This is an afternoon paper,

Then in came Carl Thoner. I've ben him around baseball parks, both

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BABE RUTH BECOMES A SPORTS EDITOR



The upper view shows the Battering Bambino picking his way cautiously among the keys of his typewriter. He is writing what he thinks of being an editor. Then somebody asked him to say something about Judge Landis' decision, and you can see how much

know what I think of their baseball just the help Mogridge could have ling from the tips. But he was in club. Well, we Yankees were mighty given them. The Yankees would have there as long as he could stay. Be-

never seen me yell if he happened to get one too close. Johnson never hit Lou Dougher has just told me that speed? Wow, what speed that fellow has when he is right!

Frank O'Rourke is here undergoing rity, is it any wonder?

come to Washington in the summer I always watch for his action pictures.

They're a great deal better than "ny

we have over in New York—yes, or anywhere else around the circuit, for

He Has to Pose.

The first thing this Thoner does is

to make me pose as a sports writer. You'll see what he did on this page

somewhere, probably near what I have

written. I've posed for him on the

field at Georgia avenue, but this was the first time I ever sat down to a typewriter for him.

Then this Dougher says, "What are you going to write?"

That stumped me. I arrived in Washington only yesterday morning and I had a busy day. I didn't have

my ideas in line any too well.
"Don't care what you write, but
how much are you going to write?"

he asked. "You know Harry Knapp, in the back room, is always crowding

me with ads and you'll have to take

your chances if you dig out more than a couple of pages."

This Dougher knows what he wants, all right. So I sat down and pounded away with one finger on each hand. That's what all the sports writers do, at that, so I should worry.

He Boosts Griffmen.

that matter, though that guy

Cleveland is pretty good.

I suppose Washington fans want to a nine-game series they needed heip, nails were all off and blood was com-

glad you didn't have a couple more Won the world's championship if lieve me, that's the kind of a fellow Walter Johnsons and George Mogridge had been with us.

Yes, I know how popular George is The Griffmen? Well, they gave us might have put Washington in the big series instead of us.

I have always been a great admirer of Walter Johnson. A fine, clean, wholesome fellow off the field, he is the same thing in that box. You've faced his fast and slow.

I have always been a great admirer of Walter Johnson. A fine, clean, wholesome fellow off the field, he is pitcher. Take it from one who has the same thing in that box. You've faced his fast and slow.

I have always been a great admirer of Walter Johnson. A fine, clean, good fellow and a wonderfully fine they play smart baseball, and when you stop to think that they have never seen me yell if he have need to the faced his fast and slow. such fine players as Johnson, Mog-He's for O'Rourke. ridge. Zachary, Judge, Harris, Shanka,

O'Rourke, Rice, Zeb Milan and Ghar-Washington is my hardest town for Let me say right here that George sincerely hope he's there when spring home runs. Oh, I get 'em off the Mogridge, pitching as he did for comes around. There's a game fellow, Wannington pitchers in New York Washington, would have won the big series for us. I honestly believe it. playing shortstop against us when he them, it's different. It gave me the Mays and Hoyt did their best, but in could hardly hold a ball. His finger- greatest thrill in my life last summer when I succeeded in driving the ball out of the lot over that distant score-

board. I knew then that I had done something. I hope it won't be as hard for me to make home runs over at Keith's as it is out at Georgia avenue. I'll try just s hard. I try hard with everything do. That's the only way to do. So far, I've done pretty well in vaudeville. If I can keep it up as well as I've started, I'll stick until getting or-

ders to go South. Baseball Greatest Game.

After all is said and done, baseball is the greatest game in the world. No matter how soft stage life may be and it is, too, from some anglesbaseball has it beat to death. I'm glad the call will come in February to go down and train against the pitchers. And the first time I drive a ball over the wall in practice, I'll forget all

While I am here in Washington I hope all my friends will call on me. never forget my friends, especially hose I've known a long time. A man

an't have any too many friends.
Guess this is enough dope for The Vashington Times. Dougher tells me ve got something else to do, and he ought to know, seeing that he does it every day. There's an attraction about writing sports, and when I quit playing bali I may look around for a job writing about it like Billy Evans By the way, Billy turns out sort pretty good stuff and I always read

The 1922 pennant? Well, the Yanks will repeat if they have any sort of

JUDGE LANDIS ISSUES

CALL FOR BIG SESSION

CHICAGO, Dec. 6 .- Club owners of the American and National Leagues will meet in joint session in New York on December 15, at which time Judge K. M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, will address them regarding the 1922 season.

Judge Landis sent out the call for the meeting today at the suggestion of John A. Heydler, president of the National League.

The annual meeting of the American League will be held in New York on December 14, a day previous to the joint meeting.

PARSONS AND RICHMOND MEET IN CUE TOURNEY

William Parsons and Clyve Richmond will play tonight in the pocket billiard championship tournament at the Grand Central. Wallace Kimbell won his second start against Camp-bell in an uphill fight last night, 100

Seeks More Dates.

Alexandria Light Infantry team, which has already won two games, beating the Langdon and St. Paul quints, has a number of open Districts, at Rathskeller, dates on its schedule which it would Arcade League—Raphs like to fill with local teams. Challenges should be addressed to Masonic League — Harmony vs. Manager J. W. Fuller. 305 Cameron Naval: King Solomon vs. Stansbury;

street, Alexandria, Va.

Babe Ruth Says Little JACK DUNN WILL DROP EIGHT OF HIS ORIOLES Epiphany tossers will open their

I have played fair in every-

TONIGHT'S BOWLING

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Singleton vs. East Gate, at Sherman's.

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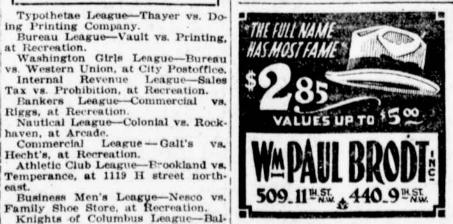
About Decision BALTIMORE, Dec. 6.—Jack Dunn, G street gymnasium, with the Yose managing owner of the Baltimore From The Boss International League baseball club, waivers on eight of his players. They are Lefler and Davis, catchers; Holden and Donohue, outfielders: By BABE RUTH. Of course, Judge Landis' de-Holden and Donohue, outfielders; Knelsch, Matthews and Clarke, pitch-ers, and Lyston, utility infielders. cision has hit me a hard blow, But I have nothing to say now. I shall be in Chicago in three

Centre Goes West.

weeks and shall see Judge Landis LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 5 .- Acthen. Whatever I have to say ceptance by the University of South-I shall say to him when I visit ern California of an invitation to meet Center College in a football game at San Diego, Cal., December 26, was announced here today. thing and am perfectly willing to leave it to the public.

St. Pauls Ready.

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boa vs. Christopher, at Rathskeller. Odd Fellows League—Salem vs Brightwood, at Rathskeller. Mt. Pleasant League-Clfftons vs. Southern Railway, at Mt. Pleasant. District League-Rathskellers vs Arcade League-Raphaels vs. Cy-

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY

What Do You Think?

suspended until May 20, 1922. He knowingly broke a baseball law under which he had been previously fined. What do you think about Judge Landis' decision?

Do you think the decision just? Do you think it too severe? Do you think it will have a good or an evil effect on baseball? Do you think the fans will back up Judge Landis or Babe Ruth?

The Washington Times wants to know just what the fans of Washagton think about this Landis decision. Put your ideas on paper. seep them as short as possible and write only on one side of the aper. Sign names and addresses, though these will not be used 'd

The Washington Times wants to know JUST WHAT THE FANS THINK. Send your letters to the Sports Editor.

BABE RUTH EXPLAINS WHY TIMES IS POPULAR PAPE...

By BABE RUTH, King of Sluggers.

Well, I'm ready to call it a day here in The Washington Times. It has been some busy morning. But now I've gone out and seen Colonel Stoll make up the sports pages and I'm done. When Joe Dowling, the sterestyper, put his last little bit of lead in the page, telling me I was done, heaved a sigh of relief. It was hot there in the composing room, and fellows working in overalls were lucky. I wished I had overalls on n. self. They're always comfortable.

My stuff appeared in The Washington Times all last summer, but never till today understood what it meant to get it on the street for fans. There's a lot of work to it to get out a newspaper. It takes a lot. planning, for instance, to get pictures and stories to fit in the page. 1 a couple of pretty clever guys hanging around to correct me if I sliptoday, but it was hard even then.

Come to think of it, no wonder people like to read the sport pages of The Washington Times. Where else can they see Tad's cartoons? He's the best cartoonist drawing pictures anywhere. He's got everybody right where he lives. I see people laughing at his pictures all over the country. He's got 'em going, that's all. Then there's Joe McGurk. He sure

can draw the dolls. I always look at his pictures and I guess everybody else does, too. Can't blame 'em much,

Yes, and those Penny Ante cartoons just hit us where we live, don't they?

Will Open Season.

basketball campaign tonight at the

Thursday night Epiphany will play

A. C. furnishing the opposition.

You won't find all these cartoo.

Dougher wouldn't run them.
"I've got your phiz in there that's enough," said he to me. "Washington sees Tad and McGurk and Knott every day, but it's not ofter Babe Ruth does a little work. Sc let's show folks he does."

today's Times, but that's because

That's why you see my picture is these pages today. They show me working at an unaccustomed job, but a pleasant one. You can blame

Dougher. He did it.

But if he thinks I don't work in the summer, he's bugs. I work as hard as any man in the country. It isn't all fun playing ball, though there is lot of that, too. But playing ball a hard work, and I do my share of it. Yes, and there's a lot of work on the stage, too. I do want my friends in Washington to support me, to be lieve that I'm trying to the best of my ability. I want to make good I always do, no matter what I try

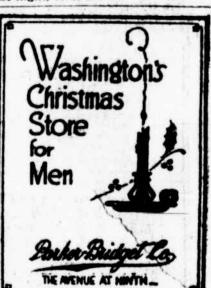
Traveling around the country a Traveling around the country as an actor has one good thing to boosi it. I can sleep late mornnigs. I like that. But I have to pay up for it afterward. Anybody who thinks actors have a soft cinch simply don't know what they're talking about.

I used to think so, I'll admit, but that was before I started in Keith vaudevile. Now I know better. It takes all the courage to face Walter Johnson on a dark day for me to march down to those footlights and look at the leader of the orchestra. Hope I'll do well all week. I'm

going to try. Washington Times is done. It has been very busy, but most pleasant Everybody helped me. Everybody was kind to me. Maybe these news paper guys are all right, after all.

Barracks Men Win.

Epiphany center tossers were rather decisively defeated by the Washing ton Barracks five at the latter's gym



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